

**REMARKS**

Pursuant to the present amendment, claims 46-54 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1-29 and 42-45 are pending in the present application. No new matter has been introduced by way of the present amendment. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

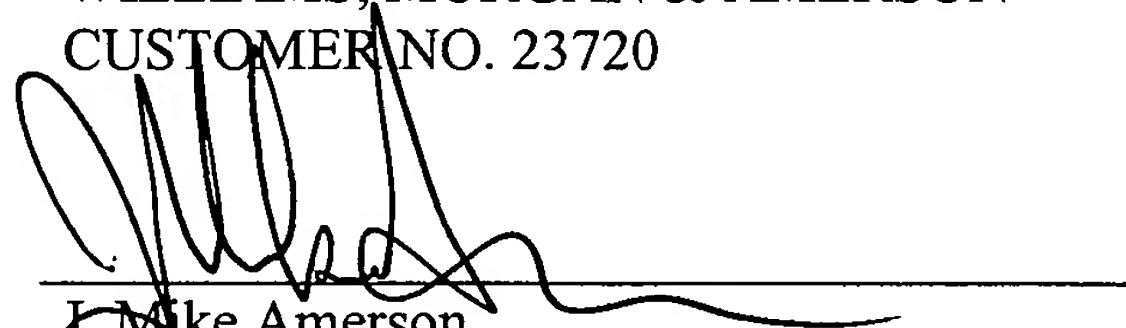
Claims 1-29 and 42-45 stand allowed. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

It should be noted that in canceling claims 46-54, Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action. Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of such claims in a later filed divisional application should they so desire.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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